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and the market close was at the following prices:

London	145 1/2	1 1/2 per cent.
Spain	125 1/2	1 1/2
India	125 1/2	1 1/2
Wholesale	125 1/2	1 1/2
China	125 1/2	1 1/2
Japan	125 1/2	1 1/2
Peru	125 1/2	1 1/2
Colombia	125 1/2	1 1/2
Guatemala	125 1/2	1 1/2
El Salvador	125 1/2	1 1/2
Honduras	125 1/2	1 1/2
Nicaragua	125 1/2	1 1/2
Costa Rica	125 1/2	1 1/2
Panama	125 1/2	1 1/2
Dominican Republic	125 1/2	1 1/2
Haiti	125 1/2	1 1/2
Cuba	125 1/2	1 1/2
Porto Rico	125 1/2	1 1/2
Venezuela	125 1/2	1 1/2
Trinidad	125 1/2	1 1/2
Barbados	125 1/2	1 1/2
St. Vincent	125 1/2	1 1/2
Grenada	125 1/2	1 1/2
St. Lucia	125 1/2	1 1/2
St. Kitts	125 1/2	1 1/2
Nevis	125 1/2	1 1/2
Antigua	125 1/2	1 1/2
Barbuda	125 1/2	1 1/2
St. John	125 1/2	1 1/2
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**Post-Office Notifications.**

*A Mail will close*  
For Saturday, Annual Postage—Per Year  
at 2 P.M. on Monday next, the 1st June.

**MAILS BY ONE OF THE P. & O. COMPANIES'S STEAMERS.**

The contents of the Outward Packets will be dispatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at noon, and the Post-Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Letters for Registration, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 10 A.M. on the 1st instant.

All Letters posted before 11 A.M. on SATURDAY, will be chargeable in addition to the usual postage, with a *Letter Fee* of 48 cents. The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 11 A.M., and for Newspapers, Books, or other M.A. on the 30th instant.

Unregistered Letters (not Letters paid to the Order of the United Kingdom via *Mar. d'Inde*) may, however, be posted on Saturday before 11.30 to 11.50 A.M., on payment of a *Letter Fee* of 8 cents each, in addition to the postage, after which no Letters can be received. Unregistered stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, charged with a fine of 10 Shilling in addition to the postage.

Letters posted after 10 A.M. on the 30th instant will not be forwarded unless the *Letter Fee*, as well as the postage is prepaid. Letters insufficiently stamped or unstamped cannot be placed in the course, and will be returned unregistered, unless the postage is prepaid. Letters in cases where they may be used in payment of *Letter Fees* when the stamp or stamps representing the *Letter Fee* should be placed on lower left hand corner.

All communications in fractional parts of a *Letter* will be conducted in the Office provided by Ordinance No. 1 of 1864, and the Ordinance of the 22nd January, 1861, and no other is valid than the stamp provided will either be charged or given in charge on fractional parts of a *Letter*.

Letters given in Payment Stamp will be made the current *Duties* of the Colony or Bank of India.

**F. W. MITCHELL,**  
Postmaster General.

General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 28th May, 1888.

It is hereby notified for general information that the following Book Packets and Packets of Manuscripts or Patterns may be transmitted by Post in the Mails by the British Consular Agents between Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama, and Nagasaki, at the following rates:

**BOOK PACKET OR A PACKET OF PATTERNS.**

*Allow 4 s. above 4 s. above 12 s. For every additional 4 s. additional*  
ceiling ceiling ceiling additional  
8 s. 12 s. 16 s. 4 s.  
Cents. Cents. Cents. Cents.

The Post is paid in all cases by paid in advance.

Special attention is directed to the following Regulations, which will be strictly enforced:

**AS REGARDS BOOKS.**

Book Packets may contain any number of Manuscripts, Almanacs, Maps, or Patterns, any quantity of paper, vellum or parchment, the exclusion of letters whether sealed or unsealed, and the Books, Maps, Papers, &c., may either printed, written, or any manner of the three.

Books of legitimate binding, uncutting, or covering of the same or of a portion thereof, will be received, whether such binding be loose or attached, is a so rollers in the case of printed books (of paper or otherwise), in the case of loose, and in short whatever is required for the safe transmission of literary or scientific material, or usually apparatus thereof.

Every book packet must be either written or sealed, or in a cover open at the ends or sides, and must contain any letters, open or sealed, any rolled envelopes whatever.

**AS REGARDS PATTERNS.**

They must not be of lacinated nature, and must not contain any articles of a valuable nature, neither, whatever may have a value of its own apart from the uses and as a pattern, and quantity of any material sent, especially as it is often must not be so great that it can be considered as having on this ground an insatiable value.

There must be no writing or marks other than the address of the person for whom the packet is intended, a true name and numbers, and the price of the articles; otherwise the Packet will be detained or forwarded charged as an adulterated.

The rules which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article liable to injury to the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the use of any of the Post Office is of force, applicable to the Pattern Packet; and a Packet containing anything of the kind will be opened and subject to destination. Articles sent by the following have been occasionally sent as Patterns, and have been detained as follows: *For the Post:* Metal boxes, porcelain China, fruit, vegetable, bunches of flowers, trifles of plants, opium, knives, scissors, needles, pieces of machinery, paper pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples in glass, pieces of glass, pieces of various kinds, cutlery, pieces of copper and steel engravings, plates and testimony of all kinds.

The Patterns must be sent in covers open at the ends, or at the top of examination, and must be covered, however, of seals, drugs, and so forth, and cannot be sent in open covers, any of the kind, in bags of linen or other material, at the neck; bags so closed that they cannot readily be opened, even although they be transparent, must not be used for this purpose, and compliance with this rule will also subject packets to be detained or forwarded as an adulterated.

The Packets or the contents thereof must contain any inclosure, sealed or otherwise, and must be subject to examination against inspection.

The decision of the Postmaster General as to the eligibility of any Packet, pattern, or sample of material, will be final and conclusive.

**F. W. MITCHELL,**  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 6th February, 1888.

It is hereby notified for general information that under the provisions of a new Postal Convention, which has been concluded with the United States Post Office, the rates of postage on correspondence from Hongkong to the United States of America will be reduced through the United Kingdom as follows, viz:

**TO A LETTER.**

*Allow 4 s. above 4 s. above 12 s. For every additional 4 s. additional*  
ceiling ceiling ceiling additional  
8 s. 12 s. 16 s. 4 s.  
Cents. Cents. Cents. Cents.

**TO A MANUSCRIPT.**

*Allow 4 s. above 4 s. above 12 s. For every additional 4 s. additional*  
ceiling ceiling ceiling additional  
8 s. 12 s. 16 s. 4 s.  
Cents. Cents. Cents. Cents.

Books of Patterns may also be forwarded in future from Hongkong to the United States by way of the United Kingdom. The rates of postage on such Packets will be as follows:

**TO A MANUSCRIPT.**

*Allow 4 s. above 4 s. above 12 s. For every additional 4 s. additional*  
ceiling ceiling ceiling additional  
8 s. 12 s. 16 s. 4 s.  
Cents. Cents. Cents. Cents.

For a Newspaper or Trivial Current via the United States of America, 8 Cents.  
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Payment of the postage is compulsory in all cases.

**F. W. MITCHELL,**  
Postmaster General.



